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dated 9th December 1931, prescribing additional registration fees in the case of lengthy documents occupying more than two pages in the register. A copy [a] of the notification is annexed.

(c) The levy of the fee was made to meet the extra work involved in copying lengthy documents.

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Police

Alleged entry of the Police into the house of one Santhana Kudumban of Vadugapatti village, Madura district.

425 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur R. SRINIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether, in connexion with a complaint of theft on the 18th March 1935 in Vadugapatti village, Madura district, against one Thangarazu, son of Santhana Kudumban, the Police entered the house of Santhana Kudumban, removed paddy stored there and beat Santhana Kudumban and his children;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Santhana Kudumban and his children were ill when the Police entered his house and beat them; and

(*c*) if the answer is in the affirmative, what steps the Government took with regard to this action of the Police?

A.—(*a*) It is a fact that the police entered the house of Santhana Kudumban in connexion with a complaint of theft on the 18th March 1935 in Vadugapatti village and seized some paddy suspected to have been stolen, but neither he nor his children were beaten by the police. The paddy seized having been found on examination, to be of a different kind to that stolen was immediately returned to the owner.

(*b*) Santhana Kudumban was seriously ill at the time of the search but his children were not ill.

(*c*) The conduct of the police not being improper, the question of taking action against them does not arise.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

III.—A BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS ESTATES LAND ACT, 1908 (BILL No. 2 OF 1935).

Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo:—" Sir, I thank the Government first of all for having given the House an opportunity to discuss this * motion on a non-official Bill, on an official day. Of course it will be

* The motion to refer the above Bill to a Select Committee was discussed in part on 8th August 1935 and the further consideration thereof was adjourned to this meeting.

a Printed as Appendix VII on page 509 infra.